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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE ACCESS TO ROK DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS

1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO MEETING MARCH 1 BETWEEN SECRETARY AND HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE CHIEF COUNSEL LEON JAWORSKI, WE MET WITH PETER WHITE MARCH 2 TO CONFIRM NEXT DEVELOPMENTS. SINCE FACILITATIVE SUGGESTIONS MADE EARLIER TO THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES WHILE YOU WERE HERE HAVE NOT PROVEN TO BE SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE TO THEM, I CONFIRMED THAT WE COULD NOT BE A DIRECT INTERMEDIARY FOR URGING TESTIMONY BY FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

2. WHITE REPORTED THAT HE HAD COME TO TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT, IF ACCESS COULD BE GAINED TO KIM, THEN IT WOULD NOT  
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BE NECESSARY TO PURSUE OTHER POTENTIAL WITNESSES WHO HAD BEEN MENTIONED IN THE PAST. HE UNDERTOOK TO SEEK FULL AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS POSITION AND TO CONFER WITH SENATE COLLEAGUES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY COULD AGREE ON SUCH A COMMITMENT. WE SUGGESTED THAT IF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON A COMMITMENT NOT TO SEEK OTHER WITNESSES, THEN THE COMMITTEES MIGHT WISH TO CONVEY THAT CONCLUSION

DIRECTLY TO THE KOREAN EMBASSY THIS WEEK. THE DEPARTMENT  
WOULD NOT BE THE CHANNEL.

3. ON MARCH 3, WE RECEIVED LETTER FROM JAWORSKI TO THE  
SECRETARY CONFIRMING A DECISION NOT TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL  
WITNESSES IF ACCESS TO KIM COULD BE ARRANGED. NO MENTION  
MADE OF THE SENATE. THE LETTER ALSO REFERRED TO THE  
SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PAK MARCH 6  
AND INFERRED THAT SECRETARY SHOULD DISCUSS THIS ISSUE  
WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. YOU HAVE SEEN SEPTTEL REPORTING PAK'S MEETING WITH THE  
SECRETARY. THE SECRETARY LEFT PAK WITH THE CONCLUSION  
THAT THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS  
ON THIS ISSUE BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY GOVERNMENT-TO-  
GOVERNMENT REQUEST.

5. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM PETER WHITE TODAY THAT HE  
HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING COMPLETE  
SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE AGREEMENT FOR A COMMITMENT NOT  
TO PURSUE OTHER WITNESSES IF KIM TONG-JO ACCESS WERE  
ACHIEVED. THEREFORE, APPROACH HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE BY  
COMMITTEES TO KOREAN EMBASSY.

6. NO WRITTEN RESPONSE IS PLANNED TO JAWORSKI LETTER.  
WE ARE INFORMING PETER WHITE THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH  
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THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE SECRETARY WENT AS FAR AS HE  
COULD AND MAYBE FURTHER THAN WE SHOULD HAVE ON THE  
COMMITTEE'S REQUEST. WE WILL EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR  
JAWORSKI LETTER, BUT INDICATE THAT IF THE COMMITTEE  
WISHES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENT SITUATION THEY  
SHOULD MOVE FAST TO GAIN SENATE CONCURRENCE AND CONVEY  
THEIR MESSAGE TO KOREANS. WE WILL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT  
WE ARE NOT TAKING FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME.  
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